Madame Nhu Tells Mrs. Kennedy 'I Understand How You Feel'

ROME (AP) — "I understand fully how you should feel," Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu said in a cable to Mrs. John F. Kennedy Sunday.

Mrs. Nhu's husband and her brother-in-law, President Ngo Dinh Diem of South Viet Nam, were killed during a military revolt Nov. 1 while she was touring the United States. She joined her children in Rome two weeks ago and has been in seclusion at a convent.

Text Of Cable

Irving R. Levine, National Broadcasting Company correspondent, said Mrs. Nhu had sent this cable to Mrs. Kennedy:

"Though not having the pleasure to know you, or hearing from you personally, I wish to tell you of my profound sympathy for you and your little ones in your time of shock and grief.

"Though I have said that anything happening in Viet Nam will surely find the equivalent in the U.S.A., truly I would not wish for anyone what the Vietnamese and myself are now enduring while we were so near our victory against communism.

"But though not being proven alike, I understand fully how you should feel before that ordeal which God has bestowed on you. I sympathize the more, for I understand that the ordeal might seem to you even more unbearable because of your habitually well-sheltered life, notwithstanding how particularly incomprehensible it would be if, as reported, President Kennedy's assassination comes from Communist hands.

Doesn't Protect

"Indeed, such a murder where even the wounds inflicted on President Kennedy were identical to those of President Ngo Dinh Diem and of my husband, and coming only 20 days after the Vietnamese tragedy, would only prove to the world that even power or extreme graciousness with communism still does not protect from its traitorous blows.

"My children and I have especially prayed for President Kennedy when we learned that he did not regain consciousness to receive the last sacraments of the church. Be assured also that our most fervid thoughts and prayers are with you and your dear ones.'

Like the Kennedys, Mrs. Nhu and her four children are Roman Catholics.